

***Amendments to the Specification***

On page 1 of the specification, please amend the paragraph following the title "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" as follows:

The present application claims priority to the Provisional application entitled "Methods for Two-Stage Noise Feedback Coding of Speech and Audio Signals," Serial No. 60/242,700 (~~Attorney Docket No. 1875.0250000~~), to Juin-Hwey Chen, filed on October 25, 2000, which is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference.